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SUBJ: CUBAN GOVERNMENT CONDEMNS SOMOZA REGIME

1. CUBAN GOVERNMENT SEPTEMBER 9, ISSUED OFFICIAL DECLARATION CONDEMNING SOMOZA REGIME, EXPRESSING SOLIDARITY WITH BROAD OPPOSITION FORCES, BUT SINGLING OUT SANDINISTAS AS DESERVING OF LEADERSHIP. DECLARATION POINTS OUT THAT EXISTENCE OF PUEBLO UNIDO MOVEMENT AND FRENTE AMPLIO OPOSITOR, WHICH INCLUDES UNION DEMOCRATICA DE LIBERACION, IS SIGN THAT BROAD UNITY EXISTS AMONG WORKING CLASS, PEASANTS, AND MAJORITY OF BOURGEOISIE AND PETIT BOURGEOIS. CUBANS, HOWEVER, LABEL FRENTE SANDINISTA AS RECOGNIZED AND "LEGITIMATE VANGUARD" OF NICARAGUAN REVOLUTION.

2. DECLARATION SAYS THAT SOMOZA'S ACCUSATIONS AGAINST CUBA ARE INTENDED TO JUSTIFY INTERVENTION BY "MOST
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REACTIONARY SECTORS" OF USG WHICH BACK NICARAGUAN LEADER AND PROVIDE HIM WITH "US MERCENERY" AND "CUBAN COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY" ADVISORS. CFHILEAN ADVISORS ARE ALSO MENTIONED.) CUBANS ALSO CLAIM THAT SOMOZA IS SEEKING TO PROCURE INTERVENTION OF "REACTIONARY" CONSEJO DE DEFENSA CENTROAMERICANA (CONDECA) AS WELL AS "MOST REACTIONARY REGIMES OF REGION, " PARTICULARLY

GUATEMALA. (FYI THIS MAY BE DEROGATORY REFERENCE TO RECENT
CENTRAL AMERICAN MEDIATION EFFORTS. END FYI.)

3. STATEMENT ENDS WITH CONDEMNATION OF ISRAEL WHICH
ALLEGEDLY SUPPLIED SOMOZA WITH "ABUNDANT AND SOPHISTICATED"
ARMS IN RECENT WEEKS.

4. COMMENT: CASTRO, IN INTERVIEW WITH CUBAN EXILE
JOURNALISTS, SEPT. 6, CONTINUED TO CLAIM THAT CUBA IS
NOT INVOLVED IN NICARAGUAN EVENTS. HE SAID THAT UPHEAVAL
IS "INTERNAL AFFAIR" OF SOMOZA AND NICARAGUAN PEOPLE.
CASTRO ADDED THAT NICARAGUAN REBELS KNOW HOW TO OBTAIN
ARMS AND MONEY AND DO NOT NEED HELP. CASTRO, HOWEVER,
POINTED TO HIS LONGTIME ANTAGONISM TOWARD SOMOZA AND SAID
THAT HE DID NOT PREDICT LONG LIFE FOR SOMOZA REGIME.
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